

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A collapsible structure having a deployed configuration and a collapsed configuration, comprising:

a side member and a base member, each member including a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, and a fabric material covering at least a portion of its frame member when the frame member is in the unfolded orientation, with each frame member forming a plurality of concentric rings when the frame member is in the folded orientation;

~~[when the structure is in the deployed configuration,]~~ the side member having a bottom side, and the base member having a first side, with the side member and the base member connected to each other adjacent the bottom side of the side member and the first side of the base member;

wherein the side member and the base member are flat when the structure is in the deployed configuration with the base member resting on a surface; and

a first frame retaining sleeve for retaining most of the length of the frame member for the side member, and a second frame retaining sleeve ~~[, separate from the first frame retaining sleeve,]~~ for retaining most of the length of the frame member for the base member, the frame members for the side member and the base member being individually retained in different frame retaining sleeves.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Original) The structure of claim 18, wherein the side member and the base member are placed on top of each other when the structure is twisted and folded to its collapsed configuration.

21. (Original) The structure of claim 18, wherein the bottom side of the side member and the first side of the base member are hinged with respect to each other.

22. (Original) The structure of claim 18, further including means for interconnecting the bottom side of the side member and the first side of the base member.

23. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 18, wherein the first frame retaining sleeve is stitched along the bottom side of the side member to the second frame retaining sleeve along the first side of the base member to form a hinged connection.

24-27. (Canceled).

28. (Original) The structure of claim 18, wherein the side member lies in a first uninterrupted plane and the base member lies in a second uninterrupted plane, with the first and second planes extending at different angles.